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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of

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For: OPTICAL DISK CONTROL DEVICE

Enclosed are:

[X] Thirteen (13) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-13.

[] An Assignment of the invention to <u>MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC</u> <u>INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., Japan</u>.

- [X] Certified copy of <u>Japanese</u> application No. 2000-390339.
- [] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- [X] This application is not entitled to small entity status.
- [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- [] An Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] The executed Declaration and Assignment and full filing fees will follow in due course.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following country is hereby requested for the above-identified application and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2000-390339 filed December 22, 2000.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of said original foreign application is filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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